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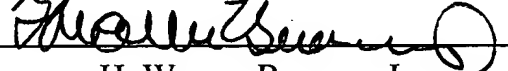
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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

An application was filed on July 10, 2001. A Status Inquiry was filed on January 9, 2003, regarding the above-identified application. An answer to that inquiry was received on January 13, 2003 (a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience) indicating an expected date for an action in this case would be fifteen (15) months, i.e., April 2004. However, as of this date, we have still not received an Official Action regarding this case. Inquiry is again made as to when an Action will be forthcoming. **Please direct any response to this inquiry to Linda Hull at telephone number (703) 816-4127.**

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We currently project that it will be more than 15 months before this application will receive a first office action. This is because the application is classified in a technology that has experienced a large filing rate growth over the last few years. The Office is addressing the growth by adjusting examination resources accordingly. You may wish to consult the MPEP (708.02) to see if filing a petition to make special is appropriate.

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